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In the Application of:

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Continuous Slitter Apparatus  
and Method**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers  
mailed January 4, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following abstract: